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Important Monthly Indicators

INDICATORS	June 1952	June 1951	May 1952
Crude Oil Production (incl. tankage).....	3,102	3,143	3,203
Refined Petroleum Products (incl. tankage).....	3,140	3,175	3,240
Construction (incl. tankage).....	1,408,850	1,408,952	1,503,600
Copper Production (incl. tankage).....	92,151	105,127	97,991
Smelter Refining (incl. tankage).....	98,416	114,103	103,685
Nonferrous Production (incl. tankage).....	580,207	538,653	599,412
Nonferrous Shipments (incl. tankage).....	581,229	572,308	596,261
Steel Production (incl. tankage).....	75,000	81,400	66,500
Steel Shipments (incl. tankage).....	77,210	77,674	84,188
Zinc Production (incl. tankage).....	47,125	79,209	74,065
Zinc Shipments (incl. tankage).....			
May 1952	May 1951	Apr. 1952	
Industrial Production (1935=100).....	214.0	222.0	216.0
Mfg. Employment (1935=100).....	101.5	105.0	102.8
Mfg. Payrolls (1935=100).....	127.2	126.1	127.8
Cement Production (barrels).....	21,208	21,904	19,217
Cement Shipments (barrels).....	23,282	24,367	21,704
Cigarette Production (units).....	32,157	32,084	31,774
Coke Production (incl. tankage).....	6,740	6,740	5,809
Cotton Consumption (bales).....	506,227	512,511	541,444
Electricity Production (kwhours).....	37,095	35,116	36,716
Lead Production (primary incl. tankage).....	45,146	44,051	39,329
Lead Shipments (incl. tankage).....	28,551	40,961	36,221
Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales U.S.	503,845	652,727	529,585
Pig Iron Production (incl. tankage).....	101,335	107,472	104,188
Rubber Consumption (long tons).....	7,433	7,107	7,189
Tires - Production (units).....	7,443	6,704	6,967
Tires - Shipments (units).....			
Apr. 1952	Apr. 1951	Mar. 1952	
Gasoline Production (barrels).....	92,553	87,319	99,093
Petroleum Production (barrels).....	199,882	183,800	198,028
Petroleum Consumption (barrels).....	191,019	185,488	205,825
Road Consumption (barrels).....	37,600	47,200	33,900

FINANCIALS

INDICATORS	June 1952	June 1951	May 1952
Bank Deposits, Total U.S. \$1.....	120,810	120,996	121,437
Bank Deposits, Outside N.Y.C. \$1.....	34,922	48,338	48,535
Bank Deposits, N.Y.C. \$1.....	74,888	72,110	71,898
Bank Deposits, N.Y.C. Excl. \$1.....	62,055	55,199	59,123
Road Sales, N.Y.C. Excl. \$1.....	1,750	4,190	2,060
Road Sales, Municipal \$1.....	506,810	511,106	526,414
Fire Losses \$1.....	58,585	56,403	62,454
Life Insurance Sales \$1.....	2,389	2,358	2,803
Stock Sales, N.Y.C. Excl. \$1.....	2,516	27,402	21,556
Stock Sales, N.Y.C. Excl. \$1.....	6,550	5,970	7,180
May 1952	May 1951	Apr. 1952	
Merchandise Exports U.S. \$1.....	1,461,000	1,554,300	1,314,400
Merchandise Imports U.S. \$1.....	914,800	1,011,700	935,700
Seaway Earnings, Gross \$1.....	810,315	886,208	847,478
Seaway Earnings, Net Income \$1.....	55,000	51,000	45,000
Sales - Retail \$1.....	12,017	12,436	12,719
Sales - Wholesale \$1.....	20,251	22,603	22,761
Inventory - Retail \$1.....	18,032	20,370	18,301
Inventory - Wholesale \$1.....	9,463	12,135	9,776
Inventory - Manufacturing \$1.....	42,071	38,252	42,683
Net 1000 Units: 101,000,000 Units.....			

Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1949 to Date

(Millions of Dollars)

	Total 25 United States Cities				Daily Average Bank Clearings				Total 24 Cities Excluding N.Y.C.			
	1952	1951	1950	1949	1952	1951	1950	1949	1952	1951	1950	1949
January.....	75,940	77,200	59,964	58,314	2,905.6	2,970.0	2,398.5	2,332.6	36,186	37,297	27,932	27,697
February.....	66,571	61,080	52,676	50,135	2,911.6	2,776.6	2,394.4	2,288.0	32,287	30,126	24,425	23,947
March.....	73,418	76,125	61,508	60,485	3,023.7	2,941.7	2,352.2	2,251.7	34,635	35,743	29,016	28,862
April.....	74,160	69,406	59,683	54,186	2,852.3	2,778.3	2,227.3	2,083.3	34,217	33,503	26,267	25,945
May.....	102,656	69,000	61,357	55,145	2,717.5	2,654.0	2,359.9	2,285.8	33,547	34,509	29,021	25,711
June.....	75,856	69,115	64,094	59,526	3,014.3	2,815.9	2,465.1	2,289.5	34,831	33,325	30,658	26,886
July.....	69,308	60,195	59,400	55,080	2,560.2	2,407.8	2,160.1	2,040.1	32,320	30,600	26,848	26,448
August.....	69,308	60,195	59,400	55,080	2,470.7	2,577.8	2,039.3	2,039.3	31,543	32,322	26,345	26,345
September.....	64,136	66,431	56,146	56,146	2,614.7	2,656.4	2,247.8	2,247.8	31,837	31,987	26,772	26,772
October.....	64,140	66,431	56,146	56,146	2,818.2	2,800.2	2,247.8	2,247.8	31,837	31,987	26,772	26,772
November.....	64,140	66,431	56,146	56,146	1,004.7	2,778.2	2,414.4	2,414.4	34,951	33,078	26,886	26,886
December.....	70,038	71,891	64,703	64,703	1,050.3	2,872.8	2,430.2	2,430.2	34,563	33,061	26,603	26,603
Total.....	640,518	761,283	678,832	678,832	2,785.7	2,524.2	2,235.4	2,235.4	408,743	362,675	319,990	319,990

Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—Monthly—1949 to Date

(Current Liabilities 1000 Dollars)

	Total 25 United States Cities				Daily Average Bank Clearings				Total 24 Cities Excluding N.Y.C.			
	1952	1951	1950	1949	1952	1951	1950	1949	1952	1951	1950	1949
January.....	871	775	864	566	\$20,208	\$21,685	\$20,436	\$19,159	\$20,300	\$21,912	\$20,556	\$19,159
February.....	819	509	811	665	19,474	18,009	22,156	27,567	18,624	18,414	22,585	27,567
March.....	732	732	884	847	20,232	21,632	22,900	31,188	19,387	17,052	22,510	28,284
April.....	740	693	806	877	20,310	21,054	21,250	31,930	20,285	18,054	21,500	31,899
May.....	636	755	814	715	21,193	23,504	22,672	24,583	21,209	23,641	22,856	24,620
June.....	636	755	814	715	21,193	23,504	22,672	24,583	21,209	23,641	22,856	24,620
July.....	636	755	814	715	21,193	23,504	22,672	24,583	21,209	23,641	22,856	24,620
August.....	636	755	814	715	21,193	23,504	22,672	24,583	21,209	23,641	22,856	24,620
September.....	636	755	814	715	21,193	23,504	22,672	24,583	21,209	23,641	22,856	24,620
October.....	636	755	814	715	21,193	23,504	22,672	24,583	21,209	23,641	22,856	24,620
November.....	636	755	814	715	21,193	23,504	22,672	24,583	21,209	23,641	22,856	24,620
December.....	636	755	814	715	21,193	23,504	22,672	24,583	21,209	23,641	22,856	24,620
Total.....	636	755	814	715	21,193	23,504	22,672	24,583	21,209	23,641	22,856	24,620

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—June 1952 and 1951

(Thousands of Dollars)

	June 1952	June 1951	% Change	May 1952
Boston.....	2,422,119	2,322,713	+ 4.3	2,309,690
Philadelphia.....	4,775,000	4,537,000	+ 5.2	4,552,000
Pittsburgh.....	482,962	439,576	+ 9.9	440,920
Cleveland.....	1,586,317	1,444,424	+ 2.7	1,561,522
Cincinnati.....	1,813,169	1,704,002	+ 1.1	1,719,446
Cincinnati.....	933,297	901,515	+ 3.5	892,855
Salt Lake City.....	1,200,993	1,134,062	+ 5.9	1,189,543
San Francisco.....	584,922	552,116	+ 5.8	569,854
Atlanta.....	1,329,000	1,195,100	+ 11.2	1,311,900
New Orleans.....	598,754	580,424	+ 3.2	650,792
Memphis.....	406,026	380,322	+ 7.0	444,000
Chicago.....	3,711,409	3,722,322	+ 3.3	3,791,122
Detroit.....	2,460,313	2,280,974	+ 8.7	2,198,951
St. Louis.....	1,446,461	1,206,870	+ 3.2	1,245,217
Minneapolis.....	1,361,491	1,278,444	+ 6.5	1,188,878
Kansas City.....	1,557,228	1,166,660	+ 13.9	1,440,797
Omaha.....	664,918	611,324	+ 8.7	620,730
Denver.....	605,077	564,265	+ 7.2	547,105
Dallas.....	1,392,356	1,122,579	+ 5.3	1,191,179
Houston.....	1,210,421	1,165,593	+ 4.7	1,258,246
San Francisco.....	2,116,406	2,116,406	+ 0.0	2,081,174
Portland, Ore.....	718,356	720,652	+ 0.3	686,178
Seattle.....	727,465	716,279	+ 1.5	680,282
Total 24 Cities.....	34,833,069	31,324,884	+ 4.3	33,540,793
New York.....	11,023,128	10,509,772	+ 12.4	11,108,981
Total 25 Cities.....	75,856,197	69,834,656	+ 8.6	70,655,774

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—6 Months 1952 and 1951

(Thousands of Dollars)

	6 Months 1952	6 Months 1951	% Change	6 Months 1950
Boston.....	14,286,478	14,560,440	- 1.9	11,968,329
Philadelphia.....	28,015,000	26,189,000	+ 0.6	24,438,000
Pittsburgh.....	2,814,283	2,727,994	+ 3.2	2,702,117
Cleveland.....	9,716,930	9,215,388	+ 5.4	1,877,295
Cincinnati.....	10,853,420	10,779,132	+ 0.7	8,015,564
Cincinnati.....	5,546,370	5,611,708	+ 1.3	4,594,444
Salt Lake City.....	6,919,862	6,181,971	+ 2.9	5,211,931
San Francisco.....	4,025,669	1,811,480	+ 5.6	3,125,819
Atlanta.....	7,910,400	7,456,000	+ 6.4	6,086,200
New Orleans.....	3,908,145	3,619,102	+ 8.0	3,179,808
Memphis.....	2,777,530	2,714,580	+ 0.8	2,327,050
Chicago.....	22,114,356	22,746,718	- 2.7	19,097,809
Detroit.....	13,641,760	13,351,341	+ 2.2	10,577,056
St. Louis.....	7,980,541	6,123,327	+ 4.8	6,985,326
Minneapolis.....	3,850,329	3,721,397	+ 3.5	3,212,481
Kansas City.....	7,522,618	7,661,586	- 1.8	6,210,572
Omaha.....	9,105,157	8,105,157	+ 1.2	7,045,109
Denver.....	3,900,040	3,408,542	+ 1.4	3,025,255
Dallas.....	3,408,551	3,408,542	+ 1.8	2,730,928
Houston.....	8,101,304	8,101,304	+ 6.6	6,690,732
San Francisco.....	7,650,667	6,737,144	+ 12.9	5,432,737
Portland, Ore.....	13,028,773	13,575,206	- 2.7	10,158,851
Seattle.....	4,145,055	4,024,197	+ 3.0	3,999,154
Seattle.....	4,145,055	4,024,197	+ 3.0	3,999,154
Total 24 Cities.....	205,902,109	204,057,614	+ 0.9	167,919,429
New York.....	70,704,551	70,095,718	+ 0.9	68,165,993
Total 25 Cities.....	416,604,900	416,352,932	+ 3.1	357,281,522

United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index—1950 to Date

Bureau of Labor Statistics
United States Department of Labor

Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices (Revised) 1947-49=100

Group	June 1952	May 1952	Apr. 1952	June 1951
ALL COMMODITIES.....	111.3	111.6	111.8	115.1
Farm Products.....	107.3	107.9	108.7	113.9
Processed Foods.....	108.7	108.5	108.0	111.3
All Commodities Other Than Farm Products and Foods.....	112.6	113.0	113.3	116.2
Textile Products and Apparel.....	99.0	99.3	99.9	112.9
Hides, Skins & Leather Products.....	95.9	94.7	94.1	124.7
Fuel, Power & Lighting Materials.....	106.0	106.0	106.3	106.3
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	104.3	104.3	104.8	110.2
Metals and Metal Products.....	121.1	121.8	122.5	122.7
Machinery and Motive Products.....	121.5	121.6	121.6	118.6
Furniture, Other Household Durables.....	111.6	111.7	112.1	115.0
Non-Metallic Minerals - Structural.....	113.8	112.9	112.8	113.6
Rubber & Products.....	133.6	140.4	140.6	148.3
Lumber and Wood Products.....	119.9	120.7	120.9	124.6
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products.....	116.7	116.9	117.4	120.2
Tobacco, Mines & Bottle Beverages.....	110.8	110.8	110.8	108.4
Miscellaneous.....	108.1	108.4	109.5	102.8

United States Consumers' Price Index (Cost of Living)

Bureau of Labor Statistics
United States Department of Labor

Consumers' Price Index 1935-39=100

Group	May 1952	Apr. 1952	Mar. 1952	May 1951
ALL ITEMS.....	189.0	188.7	188.0	185.4
Apparel.....	202.3	202.7	203.5	204.0
Food.....	230.8	230.0	227.6	227.4
Cereal and Bakery Products.....	193.8	191.1	191.2	186.2
Dairy Products.....	210.6	212.6	215.7	201.5
Fruits and Vegetables.....	253.8	247.2	232.1	221.6
Meats, Poultry and Fish.....	266.0	266.7	267.7	272.8
Fuel, & Electricity & Refrigeration.....	144.6	145.3	145.3	142.6
Gas & Electricity.....	98.2	98.0	97.9	97.3
Other Fuels.....	203.1	206.1	206.8	202.4
Householdings.....	205.4	205.2	207.6	212.6
Rent.....	146.3	140.8	140.5	135.4
Miscellaneous.....	171.4	171.1	170.7	165.0

	1952	1951	1950
Jan. 1.....	\$0.04	Jan. 2.....	\$0.03
Jan. 8.....	0.01	Jan. 9.....	7.02
Jan. 15.....	6.37	Jan. 16.....	7.04
Jan. 22.....	6.60	Jan. 23.....	7.08
Jan. 29.....	6.61	Jan. 30.....	7.17
Feb. 5.....	6.51	Feb. 6.....	7.21
Feb. 12.....	6.57	Feb. 13.....	7.25
Feb. 19.....	6.60	Feb. 20.....	7.31
Feb. 26.....	6.58	Feb. 27.....	7.25
Mar. 5.....	6.36	Mar. 6.....	7.27
Mar. 12.....	6.58	Mar. 13.....	7.27
Mar. 19.....	6.54	Mar. 20.....	7.23
Mar. 26.....	6.48	Mar. 27.....	7.21
Apr. 2.....	6.40	Apr. 3.....	7.15
Apr. 9.....	6.37	Apr. 10.....	7.15
Apr. 16.....	6.37	Apr. 17.....	7.13
Apr. 23.....	6.31	Apr. 24.....	7.16
Apr. 30.....	6.33	May 1.....	7.14
May 7.....	6.36	May 8.....	7.18
May 14.....	6.38	May 15.....	7.18
May 21.....	6.48	May 22.....	7.17
May 28.....	6.45	May 29.....	7.16
June 4.....	6.43	June 5.....	7.08
June 11.....	6.45	June 12.....	7.07
June 18.....	6.41	June 19.....	7.07
June 25.....	6.39	June 26.....	7.02
July 2.....	6.45	July 3.....	6.99
July 9.....	6.51	July 10.....	6.92
July 16.....	6.51	July 17.....	6.88
July 23.....	6.59	July 24.....	6.90
July 30.....	6.59	July 31.....	6.91
Aug. 6.....	6.59	Aug. 7.....	6.95
Aug. 13.....	6.59	Aug. 14.....	6.94
Aug. 20.....	6.59	Aug. 21.....	6.93
Aug. 27.....	6.59	Aug. 28.....	6.89
Sept. 3.....	6.59	Sept. 4.....	6.92
Sept. 10.....	6.59	Sept. 11.....	6.79
Sept. 17.....	6.59	Sept. 18.....	6.77
Sept. 24.....	6.59	Sept. 25.....	6.78
Sept. 30.....	6.59	Oct. 1.....	6.70
Oct. 7.....	6.59	Oct. 8.....	6.79
Oct. 14.....	6.59	Oct. 15.....	6.77
Oct. 21.....	6.59	Oct. 22.....	6.69
Oct. 28.....	6.59	Oct. 29.....	6.65
Nov. 4.....	6.59	Nov. 5.....	6.64
Nov. 11.....	6.59	Nov. 12.....	6.67
Nov. 18.....	6.59	Nov. 19.....	6.68
Nov. 25.....	6.59	Nov. 26.....	6.71
Dec. 2.....	6.59	Dec. 3.....	6.68
Dec. 9.....	6.59	Dec. 10.....	6.69
Dec. 16.....	6.59	Dec. 17.....	6.63
Dec. 23.....	6.59	Dec. 24.....	6.64
Dec. 30.....	6.59	Dec. 31.....	6.60
Average.....		\$0.97	\$0.21

Note: The Wholesale Food Price Index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 food-stuffs in general use.

Daily Wholesale Price Index of 30 Basic Commodities

Compiled by Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., from wholesale quotations furnished by the United Press Associations. (1913=100)

United States and Foreign Wholesale Price Index Numbers

	Base 1952	May 1952	Apr. 1952	Mar. 1952	Feb. 1952	May 1951
U. S. 1847-1947-49	111.4	111.8	112.3	112.5	115.9	
Canada.....1935-39	224.8	226.9	230.8	232.6	241.9	
Australia.....1948	200.0	256.0	254.0	255.0	217.0	
Denmark.....1948	143.0	146.0	146.0	150.0	150.0	
Dominican Rep.....1948	94.0	93.0	91.0	91.0	90.0	
Finland.....1948	166.0	167.0	170.0	170.0	163.0	
France.....1949	145.0	147.0	149.0	152.0	141.0	
Guatemala.....1948	114.0	112.0	109.0	106.0	114.0	
India.....1948	100.0	103.0	101.0	113.0	124.0	
Mexico.....1948	150.0	156.0	155.0	154.0	151.0	
Morocco.....1948	139.0	142.0	146.0	147.0	128.0	
Nicaragua.....1948	148.0	146.0	148.0	153.0	152.0	
Norway.....1948	149.0	149.0	149.0	150.0	143.0	
Philippines.....1948	74.0	75.0	73.0	76.0	88.0	
Switzerland.....1948	102.0	106.0	103.0	104.0	107.0	
U. K. 1847-1947-49	150.0	150.0	152.0	150.0	146.0	
U. K. (Economic).....1948	137.0	139.0	140.0	138.0	141.0	
	Apr. 1952	Mar. 1952	Feb. 1952	Jan. 1952	Apr. 1951	
Australia.....1948	182.0	180.0	177.0	171.0	158.0	
Belgium.....1948	116.0	117.0	121.0	123.0	123.0	
Brazil.....1948	165.0	169.0	169.0	165.0	160.0	
Costa Rica.....1948	102.0	106.0	106.0	109.0	125.0	
Germany.....1948	123.0	123.0	123.0	124.0	121.0	
Greece.....1948	152.0	155.0	156.0	156.0	152.0	
Italy.....1948	97.0	98.0	99.0	99.0	95.0	
Japan.....1948	273.0	276.0	279.0	279.0	273.0	
Netherlands.....1948	142.0	143.0	145.0	145.0	145.0	
Peru.....1948	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	
Portugal.....1948	100.0	102.0	103.0	103.0	100.0	
Sweden.....1948	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	139.0	
Switzerland.....1948	104.0	106.0	106.0	107.0	107.0	
Union S. Africa.....1948	145.0	145.0	144.0	143.0	124.0	
Venezuela.....1948	101.0	101.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
1st June-December						

	July 1952	June 1952	May 1952	Apr. 1952	Mar. 1952
1.....	290.21	290.21	294.64	301.78	302.09
2.....	289.07	294.85	295.45	302.08	302.09
3.....	289.07	294.90	295.74	301.61	302.11
4.....	295.15	295.15	295.15	301.59	301.06
5.....	295.08	295.08	296.09	301.17	300.57
6.....	295.01	296.88	296.88	300.72	300.72
7.....	295.77	297.38	297.38	301.79	301.15
8.....	290.43	298.44	298.44	301.33	301.11
9.....	290.38	295.79	297.80	301.80	301.00
10.....	290.84	295.12	297.04	302.30	302.21
11.....	289.96	294.82	297.04	301.98	301.48
12.....	295.78	297.04	297.04	301.82	301.82
13.....	295.54	296.06	296.06	302.88	302.81
14.....	296.80	296.51	296.51	300.61	301.00
15.....	296.41	295.11	297.62	300.39	301.00
16.....	298.44	298.14	298.14	301.76	301.76
17.....	298.04	299.74	299.74	302.05	302.05
18.....	299.73	299.73	299.73	302.34	302.34
19.....	299.73	299.73	299.73	302.05	302.05
20.....	299.73	299.73	299.73	302.05	302.05
21.....	299.73	299.73	299.73	302.05	302.05
22.....	299.73	299.73	299.73	302.05	302.05
23.....	299.73	299.73	299.73	302.05	302.05
24.....	299.73	299.73	299.73	302.05	302.05
25.....	299.73	299.73	299.73	302.05	302.05
26.....	299.73	299.73	299.73	302.05	302.05
27.....	299.73	299.73	299.73	302.05	302.05
28.....	299.73	299.73	299.73	302.05	302.05
29.....	299.73	299.73	299.73	302.05	302.05
30.....	299.73	299.73	299.73	302.05	302.05
31.....	299.73	299.73	299.73	302.05	302.05
1st Holiday	1st Sunday				
1952.....	312.13	Jan. 5	298.04	July 18	
1953.....	319.32	Dec. 29	298.04	Sept. 10	
1954.....	319.32	Jan. 5	298.04	Jan. 11	
1955.....	319.32	Jan. 5	298.04	Aug. 16	
1956.....	319.32	Jan. 16	298.04	Dec. 22	

BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 215 CITIES

June 1952 and 1953

The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated building costs under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new non-residential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Don & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

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BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 215 CITIES—Continued

June 1952 and 1951

	June 1952	June 1951	May 1952		June 1952	June 1951	May 1952
So. Cents (Cont.)							
Montgomery, Ala.....	\$70,000	\$374,350	\$578,200	Mountain			
Muskogee, Okla.....	78,200	35,825	60,170	Boise, Idaho.....	\$248,050	\$336,050	\$168,091
Nashville, Tenn.....	507,319	1,089,378	452,097	Buffalo, Mont.....	31,200	1,125	22,000
New Orleans, La.....	5,012,005	6,474,308	9,130,053	Colorado Springs, Colo.	505,440	691,045	544,448
Oklahoma City, Okla.	2,318,501	1,587,158	2,881,682	Denver, Colo.....	5,255,200	5,021,440	7,041,673
Port Arthur, Texas.....	458,130	960,704	310,720	Great Falls, Mont.....	155,150	261,675	227,700
San Antonio, Texas.....	482,454	460,571	350,719	Hendry, Utah.....	459,100	296,700	447,200
San Antonio, Texas.....	6,004,497	2,318,455	4,145,859	Phoenix, Ariz.....	1,401,453	875,775	775,107
Shreveport, La.....	1,130,556	958,146	1,242,113	Pueblo, Colo.....	1,241,657	802,730	532,928
Tulsa, Okla.....	609,100	636,400	2,614,950	Salt Lake City, Utah.....	1,322,122	1,139,169	1,320,591
Waco, Texas.....	492,265	593,400	958,250	Tucson, Ariz.....	735,408	450,259	420,559
Wichita Falls, Texas.....	609,584	1,573,710	1,827,731				
Total So. Central.....	\$59,971,855	\$52,246,490	\$70,765,478	Total Mountain.....	\$11,421,027	\$9,195,993	\$11,681,194
West Central							
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.....	\$886,965	\$601,121	\$512,899	Pacific			
Davenport, Iowa.....	1,333,468	985,028	816,108	Bakersfield, Cal.....	\$600,261	\$2,212,798	\$467,715
Des Moines, Iowa.....	1,639,644	1,402,186	2,955,045	Berkeley, Cal.....	317,508	416,438	428,520
Dubuque, Iowa.....	391,619	241,312	2,552,713	Beverly Hills, Cal.....	686,753	409,841	574,072
Duluth, Minn.....	284,519	401,790	536,886	Fresno, Cal.....	841,498	775,333	552,891
Fargo, N. D.....	829,800	450,585	712,950	Glendale, Cal.....	1,128,773	770,796	1,036,955
Kansas City, Mo.....	622,569	184,100	1,532,578	Long Beach, Cal.....	4,071,430	2,740,605	2,743,805
Kansas City, Mo.....	3,272,000	2,004,000	2,554,000	Los Angeles, Cal.....	25,414,962	18,812,908	25,396,830
Lincoln, Neb.....	1,264,420	2,423,800	940,295	Oakland, Cal.....	4,000,529	2,565,873	1,286,910
Minneapolis, Minn.....	2,026,499	3,552,040	2,584,215	Pasadena, Cal.....	1,114,404	3,581,327	1,537,799
Omaha, Neb.....	1,716,840	1,447,067	1,512,929	Portland, Ore.....	9,721,090	42,099,125	1,400,890
St. Joseph, Mo.....	160,525	161,805	209,150	Sacramento, Cal.....	755,906	752,341	761,629
St. Louis, Mo.....	2,415,346	2,551,089	4,783,284	San Diego, Cal.....	5,494,930	3,716,269	5,021,387
St. Paul, Minn.....	2,919,240	2,800,279	3,480,853	San Francisco, Cal.....	7,209,479	3,741,024	1,742,080
Sioux City, Iowa.....	346,500	539,035	485,006	San Jose, Cal.....	1,670,995	1,627,594	198,660
Sioux Falls, S. D.....	1,307,742	356,398	440,978	Seattle, Wash.....	8,090,370	3,294,875	3,371,325
Topeka, Kan.....	212,215	584,890	957,170	Spokane, Wash.....	1,862,795	1,822,014	2,822,014
Wichita, Kan.....	2,414,542	1,901,273	3,276,890	Stockton, Cal.....	1,041,580	575,516	824,341
Total West Central.....	\$24,637,579	\$22,799,198	\$28,934,927	Total Pacific.....	\$71,620,456	\$52,023,538	\$54,745,290
				Total 215 Cities.....	\$165,268,442	\$185,041,042	\$408,633,113

Building Permit Values for 215 Cities—Monthly—1950 to Date

Total United States - 215 Cities				New York City				Outside New York City - 214 Cities			
1952	1951	1950		1952	1951	1950		1952	1951	1950	
Jan.....	\$259,293,065	\$446,881,401	\$334,999,161	\$24,712,980	\$51,032,885	\$41,873,234		\$23,480,076	\$195,848,516	\$293,125,927	
Feb.....	315,320,903	327,241,718	343,121,578	33,765,418	24,348,571	67,454,496		28,155,485	302,893,167	275,667,082	
Mar.....	350,270,591	451,630,590	448,869,654	31,535,059	49,584,940	46,240,710		316,735,332	382,045,600	400,655,924	
Apr.....	415,466,459	372,503,130	445,978,656	52,123,323	27,351,774	57,729,455		362,143,136	345,151,356	388,255,201	
May.....	408,633,113	436,074,181	566,904,044	62,146,322	62,762,259	86,101,764		346,486,791	373,211,922	482,802,240	
June.....	398,268,442	385,041,042	508,021,104	36,406,878	51,458,120	102,560,255		373,582,732	405,460,849	449,531,417	
July.....	.....	415,371,892	524,978,208	.....	45,557,765	37,123,541		.....	370,014,127	467,854,667	
Aug.....	.....	437,666,400	550,997,973	.....	76,505,151	37,858,882		.....	361,161,249	513,139,091	
Sept.....	.....	412,634,648	408,266,993	.....	25,034,632	30,673,613		.....	387,800,016	377,597,380	
Oct.....	.....	367,445,821	520,295,660	.....	51,886,760	70,902,243		.....	313,559,061	449,351,417	
Nov.....	.....	285,165,014	408,668,048	.....	50,219,456	37,350,881		.....	235,145,558	371,317,167	
Dec.....	.....	266,210,510	426,607,027	.....	38,829,573	38,150,313		.....	227,380,927	318,456,714	
Total.....	\$4,584,466,337	\$5,549,694,106	.....	.....	\$556,572,036	\$656,015,407	.....	.....	\$4,027,894,301	\$4,893,678,699	.....

Building Permit Values and Index for 120 Cities—1939 to Date

(Index is 3-months moving average, based on average of 1920-1930 = 100; Adjusted for seasonal variations.)
(Value figures in thousands of dollars.)

	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index
January.....	196,140 133.4	366,023 201.2	269,459 166.5	188,300 126.3	233,321 140.6	128,559 81.4	165,814 101.7
February.....	242,915 130.4	261,150 183.4	282,201 167.7	194,905 117.5	190,904 127.7	139,718 84.7	159,117 116.1
March.....	273,930 132.7	350,142 140.9	356,918 154.8	255,522 113.0	263,664 113.7	196,744 79.7	335,184 105.4
April.....	321,622 121.9	269,607 134.4	355,064 159.8	283,047 107.7	285,763 112.2	178,146 73.1	197,276 98.0
May.....	319,919 109.2	349,188 127.5	464,053 174.5	357,301 116.4	279,261 117.2	164,828 76.9	187,755 74.0
June.....	310,627	290,211 141.6	461,954 193.3	317,107 117.0	298,305 122.8	222,834 78.3	161,334 76.3
July.....	.....	333,019 147.6	418,324 195.6	240,714 124.1	274,942 129.5	222,942 100.3	179,518 76.0
August.....	.....	354,223 160.1	437,953 186.4	278,762 131.2	295,797 135.5	226,908 111.2	167,978 78.1
September.....	.....	317,470 151.6	322,471 191.5	311,411 147.3	284,218 134.9	245,263 119.9	143,839 73.1
October.....	.....	295,720 148.0	420,917 186.8	309,573 150.8	246,781 132.8	260,638 128.1	137,278 72.0
November.....	.....	237,169 132.8	338,273 199.9	245,112 145.9	229,859 128.5	227,903 135.7	130,774 71.3
December.....	.....	201,230 127.0	349,244 161.1	249,302 153.4	228,846 128.7	235,367 143.4	129,250 76.6
Total.....	.....	3,654,367	4,465,831	3,131,076	3,111,251	2,469,870	2,088,918
	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index
January.....	37,080 28.3	27,611 20.3	24,252 16.2	59,376 40.7	89,163 54.1	72,062 43.6	76,834 45.8
February.....	65,258 29.6	34,602 22.6	20,908 13.4	69,697 37.7	78,800 52.8	76,138 44.5	69,740 45.0
March.....	55,876 28.1	67,046 21.3	26,454 15.2	61,426 34.2	115,766 48.2	91,409 41.4	97,660 42.3
April.....	50,890 22.9	36,371 19.4	39,017 14.5	91,747 32.1	115,076 48.2	97,743 39.4	77,215 36.1
May.....	61,624 24.7	38,833 16.7	41,256 15.2	62,320 27.4	119,214 46.6	101,382 39.5	90,000 36.6
June.....	68,889 29.2	47,247 21.9	31,494 16.0	49,397 22.5	108,651 51.4	92,721 41.7	100,597 39.3
July.....	71,846 34.5	63,960 33.7	37,738 16.6	45,221 26.6	127,363 48.7	95,354 41.7	86,869 42.2
August.....	90,156 42.0	111,641 37.8	41,221 18.6	42,528 21.9	95,166 50.9	91,442 45.2	100,016 42.8
September.....	100,080 52.0	63,074 43.9	37,118 19.6	49,277 20.9	96,214 47.5	95,652 48.9	85,592 46.7
October.....	126,912 63.4	95,185 43.3	61,658 21.0	35,472 19.7	69,169 47.3	111,870 50.9	101,102 47.5
November.....	114,009 78.3	87,562 39.1	40,852 21.7	28,322 17.8	76,245 45.4	85,133 52.6	85,426 44.7
December.....	165,318 93.5	37,673 31.2	36,393 20.8	33,641 17.2	75,256 40.4	93,342 53.0	60,837 43.6
Total.....	1,028,028	708,505	418,961	643,620	1,195,043	1,104,480	1,028,812

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

TABULATED BY DUN & BRADSTREET, INC.

	July	Aug.	Sept.	3rd	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	4th	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	1st	Apr.	May	June	2nd
				Quar.				Quar.				Quar.				Quar.
Alabama.....	46	46	67	159	37	44	36	111	45	44	61	151	55	51		
Arizona.....	78	50	52	180	43	70	49	220	64	65	50	104	50	58		
Arkansas.....	43	53	48	145	43	20	19	90	44	35	63	152	53	28		
California.....	66	56	44	146	46	54	65	1,653	614	640	711	1,985	778	710		
Colorado.....	112	92	95	300	114	115	124	353	145	129	120	394	137	135		
Connecticut.....	176	187	184	547	220	211	187	627	270	210	218	704	268	243		
Delaware.....	298	328	290	916	328	278	339	945	267	292	339	928	347	363		
Florida.....	90	79	89	258	65	93	67	255	175	80	99	320	75	90		
Georgia.....	25	20	17	92	15	10	10	24	42	34	18	65	30	30		
Idaho.....	307	323	314	944	305	313	419	1,077	357	343	347	1,047	406	366		
Illinois.....	86	105	98	278	36	34	136	318	107	91	114	312	106	120		
Indiana.....	157	135	32	126	34	34	45	113	37	31	35	103	57	38		
Iowa.....	39	35	32	224	47	36	44	147	40	51	46	146	65	63		
Kansas.....	39	43	44	126	52	37	51	140	56	70	45	171	62	51		
Kentucky.....	70	54	58	182	52	53	56	165	79	69	69	217	81	88		
Louisiana.....																
Maine.....	22	26	20	68	29	31	43	102	30	20	30	86	35	23		
Maryland.....	106	119	119	344	135	122	109	366	149	142	225	519	276	252		
Massachusetts.....	216	238	205	659	208	208	335	411	248	204	174	575	276	252		
Michigan.....	215	125	211	551	165	184	140	284	271	72	89	238	90	190		
Minnesota.....	70	67	71	208	68	81	140	284	271	72	89	238	90	190		
Mississippi.....	26	27	19	72	23	23	28	34	37	33	39	113	41	41		
Missouri.....	114	118	113	345	146	89	116	351	152	145	138	415	169	114		
Montana.....	25	16	10	51	16	8	24	48	56	8	10	44	28	32		
Nebraska.....	22	14	20	56	14	21	29	64	33	23	39	95	23	33		
Nevada.....	32	40	35	107	48	41	30	125	36	43	72	153	50	53		
New Hampshire.....	23	23	18	64	25	19	20	100	27	19	32	102	50	21		
New Jersey.....	428	439	394	1,201	514	463	358	1,213	529	410	521	1,422	559	523		
New Mexico.....	15	16	15	46	15	15	15	46	15	15	17	58	16	16		
New York.....	1,405	1,387	1,366	4,238	1,458	1,565	1,437	4,715	2,283	1,689	1,853	5,825	1,985	1,940		
North Carolina.....	83	100	90	275	80	87	102	269	115	98	80	309	133	97		
North Dakota.....	8	4	6	18	8	10	15	23	12	16	11	39	9	16		
Ohio.....	361	371	323	1,055	405	331	336	1,072	461	409	547	1,417	452	422		
Oklahoma.....	85	66	64	215	59	68	66	192	85	89	81	255	99	94		
Oregon.....	72	72	46	190	58	50	84	152	70	50	55	181	74	70		
Pennsylvania.....	210	241	181	632	230	196	267	693	310	222	285	821	271	308		
Rhode Island.....	39	37	33	109	48	44	55	147	67	45	40	159	55	51		
South Carolina.....	59	43	51	153	59	10	12	138	51	48	7	26	0	16		
South Dakota.....	10	15	10	35	10	10	10	35	10	10	10	35	10	10		
Tennessee.....	72	68	62	202	65	47	78	190	59	90	78	257	97	64		
Texas.....	242	246	233	721	222	247	252	731	274	325	373	972	319	340		
Utah.....	25	17	21	63	23	24	18	65	30	34	25	89	30	28		
Vermont.....	9	13	13	35	14	14	14	42	13	8	10	31	23	14		
Virginia.....	97	79	98	274	90	74	88	258	128	114	128	370	112	97		
Washington.....	96	85	49	230	78	63	74	215	90	78	94	362	140	87		
West Virginia.....	55	40	29	133	48	44	38	135	30	30	30	96	122	111		
Wisconsin.....	89	99	88	276	97	77	124	250	135	130	130	299	122	111		
Wyoming.....	10	8	23	23	10	10	15	32	10	12	15	37	21	8		
Total 48 States.....	6,428	6,496	5,950	18,874	6,812	6,289	6,913	20,014	8,357	7,138	7,902	23,397	8,264	7,915		

Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1950 to Date

1950	Total Number	Mining & Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Construction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January	864	225	26.1	110	12.7	403	46.6	65	7.5	61	7.1
February	811	170	21.0	100	12.3	399	49.2	73	9.0	69	8.5
March	884	208	23.3	116	13.1	409	45.3	86	9.7	74	8.4
April	806	195	24.2	93	11.5	398	49.4	76	9.4	44	5.5
May	874	197	22.5	109	12.5	426	48.7	80	9.2	62	7.1
June	725	167	23.2	67	9.2	363	50.1	51	6.4	67	9.2
July	694	151	21.8	73	10.5	343	49.4	65	9.4	62	8.6
August	787	173	22.0	70	8.9	402	51.1	91	11.5	51	6.5
September	648	147	22.7	69	10.6	314	48.5	75	11.6	43	6.6
October	707	150	21.2	63	8.9	399	47.9	91	12.9	64	9.1
November	683	150	22.0	69	10.1	310	45.4	87	12.7	67	9.8
December	670	143	21.1	77	11.3	330	48.6	62	9.1	67	9.9
Total Year	9,162	2,074	22.6	1,016	11.1	4,429	48.3	912	10.0	731	8.0
1951											
January	775	132	17.0	73	9.4	410	52.9	97	12.5	63	8.2
February	599	107	17.9	69	11.5	304	50.8	60	10.0	59	9.8
March	732	115	15.7	68	12.0	377	51.5	63	11.4	69	9.4
April	693	119	17.2	76	11.0	365	52.6	61	11.7	52	7.5
May	755	128	17.0	84	11.1	385	51.0	94	12.4	64	8.5
June	699	129	18.4	66	9.4	390	55.8	71	10.2	43	6.2
July	665	130	19.6	66	9.9	340	51.1	74	11.1	51	7.7
August	678	136	20.1	64	9.4	333	49.1	89	13.1	50	7.3
September	620	150	24.2	70	11.3	277	44.7	84	13.5	39	6.3
October	643	150	23.3	47	7.3	304	47.3	72	11.2	57	8.9
November	587	106	18.0	58	9.9	307	52.3	68	11.6	48	8.2
December	612	131	21.4	66	10.8	295	48.4	71	11.6	46	7.6
Total Year	8,058	1,533	19.0	827	10.3	4,088	50.7	957	11.9	653	8.1
1952											
January	671	143	21.3	62	9.2	348	51.9	68	10.1	50	7.5
February	619	133	21.5	60	9.7	304	49.1	70	11.3	52	8.4
March	748	146	19.5	60	8.0	371	49.5	72	10.1	53	7.1
April	780	171	21.9	83	10.7	375	48.1	93	11.9	58	7.4
May	638	111	17.4	59	9.2	333	52.2	75	11.8	60	9.4
June	671	128	19.1	73	10.9	340	50.7	78	11.6	52	7.7
July
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Total Year

Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1950 to Date

1950	Total Number	Under \$5,000	% of Total	\$5,000 to \$25,000	% of Total	\$25,000 to \$100,000	% of Total	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	% of Total	\$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January	864	180	20.8	449	52.0	194	22.5	39	4.5	2	0.2
February	811	181	22.3	404	49.8	186	22.9	40	5.0	..	..
March	884	166	18.8	458	51.8	208	23.5	50	5.9	..	..
April	806	172	21.3	416	51.6	199	24.0	49	6.1	..	..
May	874	197	22.5	450	51.5	186	21.3	41	4.7	..	..
June	725	169	23.3	373	51.5	151	20.8	31	4.3	1	0.1
July	694	140	20.2	363	52.3	159	22.9	32	4.6	..	..
August	787	177	22.5	427	54.3	161	20.4	21	2.7	1	0.1
September	648	165	27.0	318	48.8	135	20.8	22	3.4	..	..
October	707	175	24.8	355	50.2	156	22.1	20	2.8	1	0.1
November	683	186	27.2	342	50.1	122	17.9	31	4.5	2	0.3
December	670	147	21.6	351	52.0	146	21.6	29	4.3	2	0.3
Total Year	9,162	2,065	22.5	4,706	51.4	1,975	21.6	407	4.4	9	0.1
1951											
January	775	190	24.5	404	52.1	143	18.5	38	4.9	..	..
February	599	145	24.2	309	51.6	121	20.2	30	5.0	1	0.2
March	732	170	23.2	401	54.8	137	18.7	23	3.2	..	..
April	693	175	25.3	348	50.2	145	20.9	24	3.5	1	0.1
May	755	159	21.1	408	54.0	145	19.2	42	5.6	1	0.1
June	699	164	23.5	359	51.3	134	19.2	41	5.9	1	0.1
July	665	150	22.6	347	52.2	134	20.1	32	4.8	2	0.3
August	678	141	20.8	345	50.9	151	22.3	38	5.6	3	0.4
September	620	150	24.2	315	50.8	142	18.1	39	6.3	4	0.6
October	643	156	21.2	319	49.6	146	22.8	39	6.1	4	0.6
November	587	129	22.0	305	52.1	121	20.6	30	5.1	1	0.2
December	612	123	20.1	306	50.0	140	22.9	30	5.0	1	0.1
Total Year	8,058	1,932	22.7	4,160	51.6	1,634	20.3	412	5.1	20	0.3
1952											
January	671	119	17.7	343	51.1	154	23.0	52	7.8	3	0.4
February	619	117	18.9	328	53.0	138	22.3	34	5.5	2	0.3
March	748	129	17.1	367	51.3	159	23.6	46	6.7	2	0.3
April	780	156	20.0	379	48.6	180	23.1	64	8.2	1	0.1
May	638	130	20.4	337	52.8	140	21.9	29	4.6	2	0.3
June	671	127	18.9	344	51.3	157	23.4	42	6.3	1	0.1
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Failures by Divisions of Industry—June 1952

	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	June 1952	6 Months 1952	1951	June 1952	6 Months 1952	1951
Mining & Manufacturing						
Mining—Coal, Oil, Misc.	4	20	17	223	1,633	1,752
Food & Kindred Products	13	103	110	709	6,245	6,665
Textile Mill Products	30	202	173	2,315	9,590	6,782
Lumber & Products	20	117	106	562	5,176	3,274
Paper, Printing & Pub.	5	53	36	19	2,560	1,537
Chemicals & Allied Products	6	28	27	1,067	2,849	820
Furniture & Products	5	46	33	174	2,120	743
Stone, Glass & Glass Products	1	22	9	108	1,319	412
Iron, Steel & Products	4	24	19	110	1,986	606
Machinery	7	65	36	415	10,546	5,360
Transportation Equipment	4	28	7	252	1,345	129
Miscellaneous	27	131	130	1,190	8,474	6,094
Total Mining & Mfg.	128	834	730	6,971	56,845	32,881
Wholesale Trade						
Food & Farm Products	19	130	117	785	6,967	4,284
Apparel	9	26	19	299	916	477
Drugs	4	29	12	47	722	252
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hdw.	5	32	18	192	2,018	1,224
Chemicals & Drugs	1	12	7	84	420	40
Motor Vehicles & Auto Equip.	3	12	15	15	222	239
Miscellaneous	12	172	218	924	5,799	11,851
Total Wholesale Trade	73	406	416	2,266	17,485	16,789
Retail Trade						
Food & Liquor	78	491	592	1,007	7,358	8,007
General Merchandise	15	75	89	411	2,210	1,954
Apparel & Accessories	48	127	148	907	6,006	5,033
Furniture, Home Furnishings	19	233	213	1,234	5,594	4,878
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hdw.	16	94	130	358	2,343	2,146
Automotive Groups	35	164	163	464	3,593	3,529
Eating & Drinking Places	7	45	41	1,058	8,874	9,397
Drug Stores	9	56	50	170	821	825
Miscellaneous	27	174	214	825	3,853	2,917
Total Retail Trade	340	2,071	2,231	7,024	40,552	40,906
Constructions						
Gen'l Bldg. Contractors	31	368	364	1,627	8,402	7,848
Building Sub-contractors	45	298	304	1,291	7,162	7,940
Other Contractors	2	20	18	72	957	2,099
Total Construction	78	686	686	2,990	16,561	17,887
Commercial Services						
Pass. & Freight Services	10	98	101	774	4,523	3,708
Misc. Public Services	2	21	17	133	846	451
Hotels	4	16	9	152	850	359
Cleaning, Dyeing, Repairs	8	45	48	106	665	679
Laundries	3	19	24	35	319	602
Undertakers	1	7	5	40	226	100
Other Personal Services	6	28	32	46	275	451
Business & Repair Services	18	93	114	585	2,691	1,735
Total Commercial Services	52	327	350	1,921	13,495	8,188
Total United States	671	4,094	4,253	21,222	146,859	118,687

Failures in Large Cities—June 1952

	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	June 1952	6 Months 1952	1951	June 1952	6 Months 1952	1951
1940 Population Ranking						
New York, N.Y.	156	1,012	996	4,031	36,165	30,190
Chicago, Ill.	28	172	158	912	6,908	1,450
Philadelphia, Pa.	5	16	9	18	1,190	1,021
Detroit, Mich.	11	49	50	496	1,765	1,017
Los Angeles, Calif.	40	192	167	1,117	4,460	4,807
Cleveland, Ohio	5	11	4	141	1,041	941
Baltimore, Md.	9	92	43	25	1,330	4,440
St. Louis, Mo.	7	15	18	4	1,602	468
Boston, Mass.	19	77	66	474	2,160	1,842
Pittsburgh, Pa.	4	15	26	109	1,045	534
Washington, D.C.	1	14	2	90	420	7
San Francisco, Calif.	12	75	92	264	4,590	1,415
Milwaukee, Wis.	5	29	26	141	1,017	1,411
Butte, Mont.	1	8	24	177	594	421
New Orleans, La.	1	18	18	7	721	694
Minneapolis, Minn.	4	14	14	250	400	954
Cincinnati, Ohio	1	12	6	16	412	214
Memphis, Tenn.	3	25	24	83	818	1,721
Kansas City, Mo.	2	9	10	225	427	472
Indianapolis, Ind.	1	6	5	12	42	78
Houston, Texas	1	7	12	320	1,761	1,761
Seattle, Wash.	4	26	39	113	1,134	780
San Antonio, Tex.	2	15	17	89	711	309
Columbus, Ohio	2	7	5	9	122	161
San Diego, Calif.	1	3	5	654	1,062	100
Total 25 Cities	317	1,970	1,984	9,516	71,014	59,312
Balance of Country	354	2,124	2,269	11,706	74,245	59,375
Total United States	671	4,094	4,253	21,222	146,859	118,687

United States Failures by States—June 1952

	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	June 1952	6 Months 1952	1951	June 1952	6 Months 1952	1951
New England						
Maine	2	16	20	41	178	200
New Hampshire	8	16	12	387	637	733
Vermont	1	6	2	82	272	27
Massachusetts	17	210	192	1,285	7,668	3,969
Connecticut	14	103	74	376	3,710	2,474
Rhode Island	8	51	52	1,042	1,999	645
Total New England	70	402	349	3,200	14,604	8,078
Middle Atlantic						
New York	195	1,247	1,191	5,504	45,217	34,178
New Jersey	29	102	160	364	7,564	4,907
Pennsylvania	22	152	220	530	5,064	5,294
Total Middle Atl.	246	1,501	1,571	6,398	57,845	44,379
East No. Central						
Ohio	16	108	132	335	2,918	3,893
Indiana	5	31	31	338	1,149	614
Illinois	30	223	228	1,419	8,134	4,854
Michigan	15	81	109	659	2,992	2,136
Wisconsin	16	74	128	232	5,427	2,141
Total East No. Cent.	88	517	628	2,983	17,820	13,638
West No. Central						
Minnesota	8	48	44	392	1,445	1,010
Iowa	2	15	10	45	262	594
Missouri	4	33	49	242	2,165	1,516
North Dakota	1	4	3	60	21	21
South Dakota	1	3	4	32	123	123
Kansas	3	5	7	91	248	41
Total West No. Cent.	20	124	142	813	5,511	3,938
South Atlantic						
Maryland	5	30	54	88	2,758	4,550
Delaware	1	5	1	14	150	46
Dist. of Columbia	1	14	1	90	419	8
Virginia	11	37	31	248	811	1,371
West Virginia	4	28	41	40	1,146	1,318
North Carolina	1	21	40	11	719	1,104
South Carolina	1	5	3	784	300	300
Georgia	1	28	44	64	1,476	1,207
Florida	18	74	74	644	2,851	3,136
Total So. Atlantic	41	244	292	1,130	11,825	15,440
East So. Central						
Kentucky	8	20	18	206	435	430
Tennessee	8	43	44	303	1,183	2,000
Alabama	3	22	20	93	660	657
Mississippi	1	18	25	5	159	465
Total East So. Cent.	20	103	107	607	2,834	3,552
West So. Central						
Arkansas	2	8	14	11	536	544
Oklahoma	1	15	20	101	1,638	1,077
Louisiana	2	15	43	15	1,277	1,310
Texas	3	42	45	111	3,192	3,403
Total West So. Cent.	8	100	122	238	6,613	5,654
Mountains						
Montana	1	3	1	17	38	4
Idaho	2	8	7	20	191	126
Wyoming	1	1	2	125	23	23
Colorado	1	8	13	657	1,073	258
New Mexico	1	7	11	13	198	213
Utah	8	28	27	99	897	378
Nevada	0	26	16	192	736	249
	1	9	6	185	510	261
Total Mountains	20	90	85	1,183	3,668	1,512
Pacific						
Washington	10	57	75	380	1,937	1,277
Oregon	4	41	34	25	1,786	694
California	144	815	842	4,065	22,856	10,525
Total Pacific	158	913	951	4,470	26,579	12,496
Total United States	671	4,094	4,253	21,222	146,859	118,687
Canada Failures by Provinces—June 1952						
	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	June 1952	6 Months 1952	1951	June 1952	6 Months 1952	1951
Canada						
Newfoundland	2	8	3	29	128	184
Prince Edward Island	1	3	4	10	213	52
Nova Scotia	3	16	10	71	284	101
New Brunswick	3	29	304	329	5,416	5,032
Quebec	19	102	61	859	2,792	2,102
Manitoba	6	30	13	455	944	243
Saskatchewan	1	4	1	20	64	30
Alberta	2	10	2	56	209	104
British Columbia	2	25	18	41	161	124
Total Canada	74	408	416	2,046	11,441	8,049

Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—June 1952

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

	June 1952				January to June 1952				January to June 1951			
	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.
MANUFACTURING.....	128	100.0	6,971	7,266	934	100.0	56,846	57,880	730	100.0	32,883	34,347
Under \$5,000.....	19	14.8	50	50	93	11.2	267	267	121	16.6	351	353
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	50	39.1	598	598	353	42.3	4,196	4,196	338	46.3	4,023	4,023
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	44	34.4	2,215	2,215	267	32.0	13,540	13,540	168	27.1	9,544	9,544
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	14	10.9	3,088	3,153	114	13.7	27,519	28,109	70	9.6	15,170	15,844
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	1	0.8	1,000	1,250	7	0.8	11,324	11,324	3	0.4	7,593	4,583
WHOLESALE TRADE.....	73	100.0	2,266	2,266	406	100.0	17,485	17,682	456	100.0	18,789	19,234
Under \$5,000.....	12	16.4	40	40	54	13.3	159	159	69	15.1	203	203
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	36	49.3	418	418	193	45.1	2,255	2,255	237	52.0	2,878	2,878
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	20	27.4	1,033	1,033	129	31.8	6,051	6,051	118	25.9	5,662	5,662
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	5	6.9	775	775	39	9.6	7,272	7,469	31	6.8	6,026	6,471
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	1	0.2	1,748	1,748	1	0.2	4,000	4,000
RETAIL TRADE.....	340	100.0	7,024	7,024	2,071	100.0	40,552	40,618	2,231	100.0	40,906	40,989
Under \$5,000.....	74	21.8	217	217	493	23.8	1,487	1,487	642	28.8	1,792	1,792
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	192	56.5	2,277	2,277	1,175	56.7	13,523	13,523	1,210	54.2	16,967	16,967
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	61	17.9	2,687	2,687	349	16.9	15,436	15,436	332	14.9	13,757	13,757
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	13	3.8	1,883	1,883	54	2.6	10,106	10,172	47	2.1	6,160	6,443
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
CONSTRUCTION.....	78	100.0	2,990	2,990	456	100.0	16,581	16,611	486	100.0	17,921	17,969
Under \$5,000.....	13	16.7	43	43	68	14.9	193	193	83	17.1	247	247
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	37	47.4	498	498	224	49.1	2,902	2,902	254	52.3	3,139	3,139
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	22	28.2	1,066	1,066	122	26.8	5,727	5,727	110	22.6	4,912	4,912
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	6	7.7	1,181	1,181	42	9.2	7,759	7,769	36	7.8	6,623	6,671
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	0.2	1,000	1,000
COMMERCIAL SERVICE.....	52	100.0	1,971	1,971	327	100.0	15,395	15,545	350	100.0	8,188	8,277
Under \$5,000.....	9	17.3	31	31	70	21.4	198	198	88	25.1	256	256
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	29	55.8	354	354	163	49.8	1,919	1,919	183	52.3	2,202	2,202
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	10	19.2	661	661	71	21.7	3,284	3,284	67	19.2	2,867	2,867
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	4	7.7	1,021	1,021	20	6.1	4,603	4,611	12	3.4	2,868	2,868
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	3	1.0	5,733	5,733	..	..	..	..
TOTAL UNITED STATES.....	671	100.0	21,222	21,537	4,094	100.0	146,859	148,342	4,252	100.0	118,687	120,816
Under \$5,000.....	127	18.2	381	381	778	19.0	2,304	2,304	1,003	23.6	2,851	2,851
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	344	51.2	4,105	4,105	2,098	51.2	24,795	24,795	2,222	52.2	29,239	29,239
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	157	23.4	7,584	7,584	938	22.9	44,038	44,038	925	19.4	36,760	36,760
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	42	6.3	8,152	8,217	269	6.6	56,917	56,150	198	4.7	41,242	40,361
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	1	0.1	1,000	1,250	11	0.3	18,805	19,055	5	0.1	8,593	9,383

Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—June 1952

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

Districts	Manufacturing		Wholesale Trade		Retail Trade		Construction		Commercial Service		Total United States	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston.....(1).....	11	1,334	4	73	35	842	11	486	9	466	70	3,201
New York.....(2).....	56	2,219	25	610	109	1,778	16	508	15	931	221	6,048
Philadelphia.....(3).....	5	202	2	16	8	60	1	8	1	6	17	267
Cleveland.....(4).....	5	179	3	66	12	351	3	60	4	80	27	730
Richmond.....(5).....	4	155	3	61	10	104	5	152	..	..	22	472
Atlanta.....(6).....	5	78	5	224	17	659	3	91	..	..	30	1,052
Chicago.....(7).....	11	894	14	675	36	813	7	54	4	167	72	2,603
St. Louis.....(8).....	1	75	1	10	9	68	..	..	3	55	14	204
Minneapolis.....(9).....	2	157	..	..	6	226	1	28	..	..	9	409
Kansas City.....(10).....	3	804	..	..	4	97	2	127	1	28	10	1,116
Dallas.....(11).....	1	37	..	..	5	101	1	8	..	..	7	148
San Francisco.....(12).....	24	777	16	531	89	1,923	28	1,475	15	235	172	4,949
Total United States.....	128	6,971	73	2,266	340	7,024	78	2,990	52	1,971	671	21,222

Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—6 Months 1952

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

Districts	Manufacturing		Wholesale Trade		Retail Trade		Construction		Commercial Service		Total United States	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston.....(1).....	66	5,598	14	1,004	211	4,195	52	2,781	38	1,079	401	16,657
New York.....(2).....	375	25,364	139	5,180	724	11,959	79	3,596	80	6,869	1,397	52,970
Philadelphia.....(3).....	17	1,057	17	68	425	968	5	251	11	269	138	2,972
Cleveland.....(4).....	32	2,157	12	662	75	1,414	22	405	17	345	58	1,164
Richmond.....(5).....	26	3,859	13	528	63	1,437	23	572	9	120	134	6,616
Atlanta.....(6).....	19	1,705	24	1,421	90	2,179	29	1,175	10	619	192	7,369
Chicago.....(7).....	67	4,712	44	1,916	219	4,906	45	1,436	34	2,216	410	14,620
St. Louis.....(8).....	12	1,542	13	576	34	409	6	295	7	119	70	3,331
Minneapolis.....(9).....	12	421	3	75	39	1,030	8	143	5	100	67	1,769
Kansas City.....(10).....	13	2,072	6	353	31	1,591	8	375	5	424	61	4,915
Dallas.....(11).....	12	2,119	6	194	32	769	9	509	1	147	59	3,810
San Francisco.....(12).....	153	7,020	95	3,133	485	9,175	160	8,949	110	5,127	1,002	26,812
Total United States.....	934	56,846	406	17,485	2,071	40,552	456	16,581	327	15,395	4,094	146,859

Quarterly Record of United States Failures by Detailed Divisions of Industry—1952 and 1951

Mining & Manufacturing	Number of Failures								Current liabilities in thousands of dollars							
	1951				1952				1951				1952			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Coal.....	9	7	4	7	4	9			44	506	1,981	164	222	662		
Lignite, Petroleum, Natural Gas.....	3	3	3	1	2	3			914	118	2,148	50	150	304		
Miscellaneous Mines & Quarries.....	1	1	4	2	1	2			40	100	620	25	1	175		
Total.....	6	11	11	10	5	14			1,018	744	4,749	109	372	1,261		
Food & Kindred Products																
Bakery Products.....	13	25	10	13	8	7			653	1,098	307	303	127	641		
Beverages - Alcohol.....	1	1	3	1	1	5			150	1	560	114	8	2,059		
Beverages - Non-alcoholic.....	4	5	3	7	8	8			119	165	166	349	215	178		
Confectionery.....	11	12	10	5	11	8			556	1,782	317	362	545	686		
Dairy Products.....	2	6	7	5	6	5			16	270	268	354	140	534		
Eggs.....	5	3	1	8	7	5			194	316	242	1,935	405	192		
Meat & Poultry.....	4	2	3	2	3	3			359	73	1,596	19	859	64		
Meat Products.....	1	2	2	1	2	2			44	45	30	1	401	293		
Miscellaneous.....	5	8	14	6	7	7			326	269	703	184	126	81		
Total.....	40	64	52	47	53	50			2,947	4,018	4,189	3,620	2,897	5,348		
Textile Mill Products & Apparel																
Textile Mill Products.....	6	11	11	10	14	14			52	797	414	781	1,081	1,022		
Knit Goods.....	7	4	3	2	3	3			529	55	112	492	20	273		
Wool & Rayon Cloth & Furnishings.....	5	11	12	10	8	17			285	156	449	417	254	1,062		
Wool & Children's Cloth & Furnishings.....	40	43	53	55	44	40			786	1,228	1,345	2,090	995	1,122		
Miscellaneous Apparel.....	17	9	20	41	18	14			2,093	434	1,225	2,759	2,190	356		
Misc. Textile Products.....	4	8	2	5	5	4			116	231	223	224	270	195		
Total.....	87	86	101	123	112	90			3,661	2,921	3,768	6,763	4,810	4,765		
Lumber & Mill Products																
Lumber and Basic Products.....	12	5	22	15	17	21			708	578	7,226	834	964	878		
Furniture.....	19	34	40	21	10	12			1,016	1,010	1,179	731	1,718	980		
Other Finished Products.....	2	13	10	6	4	13			37	585	544	572	180	1,356		
Total.....	33	53	72	42	31	36			1,761	2,193	9,149	2,139	2,922	3,254		
Paper, Printing & Publications																
Paper & Allied Products.....	1	5	4	4	4	5			50	139	170	93	344	278		
Printing & Publishing.....	14	14	21	22	22	22			839	909	2,548	1,615	653	1,265		
Total.....	15	19	25	26	26	27			889	1,048	2,718	1,708	997	1,563		
Chemicals & Allied Products																
Chemicals & Allied Products.....	4	2	6	9	4	5			174	103	225	292	217	427		
Drugs, Toilet & Household Preparations.....	3	6	3	5	6	7			287	206	65	4,480	431	1,053		
Paints & Varnishes.....	2	3	1	1	1	3			10	34	1	174	308	713		
Total.....	13	11	9	17	11	15			471	343	290	4,946	656	2,193		
Leather & Leather Products																
Leather.....	10	4	11	8	1	2			1	1	1	37	3	265		
Leather Products.....	10	5	13	7	12	4			255	264	1,187	279	786	368		
Other Leather Products.....	10	8	4	7	13	14			71	151	350	148	420	278		
Total.....	20	17	28	22	26	20			326	417	1,737	464	1,209	911		
Stone, Clay & Glass Products																
Stone Products.....	4	5	2	1	5	11			42	135	38	1	353	1		
Clay Products.....	1	5	2	1	3	3			42	64	13	1	37	306		
Glass Products.....	2	1	2	2	4	7			2	8	100	14	391	34		
Miscellaneous.....	1	1	1	2	5	11			11	139	2	2	198	11		
Total.....	8	12	7	6	17	22			96	326	153	23	919	940		
Iron & Steel Products																
Iron & Steel Works.....	1	1	2	1	2	1			55	1	60	1	870	1		
Iron & Steel Products.....	5	12	10	9	5	13			115	420	492	512	843	231		
Total.....	6	13	12	9	7	14			170	421	552	513	1,713	232		
Machinery																
Electrical Machinery.....	12	10	8	5	16	12			2,315	1,316	1,377	891	3,674	1,656		
Other Machinery.....	12	16	19	16	20	17			1,040	809	3,163	369	2,216	1,062		
Total.....	24	26	27	21	36	29			3,355	2,125	4,540	1,260	5,890	2,718		
Transportation Equipment																
Automotive & Equipment.....	1	3	5	2	1	0			29	93	546	194	299	266		
Other Transportation Equipment.....	1	1	2	2	0	4			1	6	46	23	139	242		
Total.....	2	4	7	4	1	4			30	99	592	217	438	508		
Other Manufacturing Industries																
Electronics, Radio & Communication.....	12	19	19	14	15	15			481	1,472	568	1,000	1,338	978		
Electronics, Radio & Communication.....	2	1	1	1	1	1			41	17	1	1	13	96		
Miscellaneous Manufacturing.....	57	45	51	47	40	39			3,056	1,407	1,097	1,731	1,889	1,540		
Total.....	69	65	71	62	56	55			3,578	1,496	1,666	2,732	3,240	2,614		
Total Mining & Manufacturing.....	154	276	316	367	404	417			16,478	16,405	31,195	24,892	27,025	34,921		

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Retail Trade	Number of Failures								Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars							
	1951				1952				1951				1952			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Food & Liquors																
Bakeries.....	42	45	32	27	28	24			1,123	624	446	530	704	517		
Confectionery & Nut Stores.....	16	17	13	5	5	13			114	1,191	78	59	87	232		
Dairy Products Stores.....	1	4	1	7	8	8			2	24	20	51	140	394		
Deli-Catessen Stores.....	9	20	15	12	10	11			75	301	146	105	72	96		
Grocery Stores.....	55	59	50	37	61	62			453	454	161	296	910	505		
Grocery and Meat Stores.....	99	105	89	84	77	77			1,380	1,191	1,094	1,225	1,150	940		
Meat and Fish Markets.....	29	38	33	38	30	27			155	396	368	475	246	398		
Fruit and Vegetable Markets.....	10	8	8	9	12	11			56	70	324	71	123	108		
Liquor Stores.....	8	5	6	7	4	10			72	41	70	99	44	192		
All Other Food Stores.....	5	7	5	7	5	4			47	34	27	18	72	312		
Total.....	274	308	252	229	246	247			3,677	6,130	2,934	2,929	3,548	3,810		
General Merchandise																
Department Stores.....	4	3	2	1	3	1			249	127	707	1,150	681	90		
Variety Stores.....	11	6	9	7	6	12			80	156	73	55	92	157		
Dry Goods Stores.....	11	17	6	6	10	11			112	589	116	78	195	376		
General Merchandise Stores.....	13	12	9	7	7	8			175	157	160	59	166	181		
Country General Stores.....	6	3	2	4	9	8			165	12	9	11	103	140		
Total.....	47	41	26	21	35	40			741	1,213	1,069	1,342	1,257	953		
Apparel & Accessories																
Family Clothing Stores.....	19	13	7	5	14	10			350	146	117	74	563	94		
Men's Shop/Clo. & Furnishings Stores.....	27	19	13	33	28	33			557	426	213	719	189	868		
Women's Ready-to-wear Stores.....	77	57	46	49	66	41			860	761	1,014	618	935	478		
Women's Accessory Stores.....	17	21	15	15	22	5			400	199	97	114	218	66		
Shoe Stores.....	15	13	9	14	24	20			135	144	99	249	267	319		
Miscellaneous Apparel Stores.....	30	23	21	17	33	27			773	282	372	160	1,267	562		
Total.....	185	163	119	133	187	140			3,075	1,958	1,812	2,754	3,619	2,167		
Furniture & Home Furnishings																
Furniture Stores.....	35	31	34	22	71	44			1,273	587	633	459	1,036	923		
Home Furnishings & Equip. Stores.....	31	15	15	23	16	24			399	177	163	256	238	329		
Electrical Appliance Stores.....	48	53	53	48	52	69			4,079	1,373	1,298	1,368	1,102	1,995		
Total.....	114	99	102	93	99	134			5,741	2,137	2,114	2,083	2,346	3,246		
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware																
Lumber & Bldg. Mtl. Dealers.....	23	35	31	26	26	26			445	713	700	586	709	765		
Paint, Glass, Wall Paper Stores.....	15	13	10	10	6	8			133	182	98	95	98	89		
Hardware & Farm Impl. Dealers.....	15	25	11	15	14	14			314	552	190	320	419	193		
Total.....	57	73	52	51	46	48			892	1,454	988	1,001	1,196	1,047		
Automotive Group																
Motor Vehicle Dealers.....	20	19	21	20	20	28			619	699	695	538	1,164	967		
Automobile Accessory Dealers.....	7	7	8	8	8	7			57	90	56	21	44	144		
Garages and Repair Shops.....	26	29	18	30	20	24			209	305	244	322	424	222		
Filling Stations.....	26	26	24	18	23	32			277	187	290	262	262	267		
Other Automotive Dealers.....	4	3	3	2	2	2			44	56	48	11	49	11		
Total.....	79	84	71	76	73	91			1,262	1,267	1,533	1,153	1,993	1,600		
Eating & Drinking Places—Total.....	201	248	217	204	221	234			3,308	6,089	3,640	3,461	4,747	4,127		
Drug Stores—Total.....	23	27	27	31	30	26			341	484	482	538	415	406		
Miscellaneous Retail Trade																
Cigar Stores.....	5	4	10	11	4	8			37	34	51	90	24	53		
Fuel and Ice Dealers.....	4	2	2	1	1	5			51	17	20	7	43	100		
Florists.....	10	5	5	7	10	6			73	55	48	60	79	39		
Jewelry Stores.....	20	26	16	12	20	20			271	480	334	210	275	631		
Book, Stationery & News Dealers.....	9	5	4	3	4	7			74	62	34	10	55	17		
Farm & Garden Supply Stores.....	13	9	7	5	10	10			236	162	126	170	1,105	466		
All Other Retail Stores.....	50	51	27	28	27	32			549	828	562	469	512	390		
Total.....	111	108	82	67	86	88			1,301	1,616	1,205	992	3,091	1,760		
Total Retail Trade.....	1,091	1,140	950	907	1,023	1,048			20,318	20,568	15,777	16,253	21,214	19,378		

Dun's Failure Index

(Approximate Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)

	Unadjusted Index				Adjusted Index*			
	1950	1951	1952	1949	1950	1951	1952	1949
January.....	36.7	34.0	36.5	25.7	37.8	31.5	36.0	23.8
February.....	31.6	28.0	41.2	31.7	26.3	26.1	34.3	29.8
March.....	31.6	31.2	36.8	36.3	29.5	28.9	32.4	32.9
April.....	38.4	31.9	36.0	36.1	31.5	29.3	33.0	35.0
May.....	28.1	31.5	31.5	34.9	26.5	31.6	35.5	33.2
June.....	30.7	31.6	31.2	31.7	31.0	31.5	31.5	36.1
July.....	30.7	31.2	32.0	32.0	33.0	31.5	34.5	34.6
August.....	29.9	29.7	31.5	31.5	32.9	31.2	38.1	38.1
September.....	29.7	29.5	31.7	31.7	35.4	35.1	38.5	38.5
October.....	29.5	32.1	31.7	31.7	31.0	31.5	39.7	39.7
November.....	29.3	31.7	30.5	30.5	29.3	31.7	40.5	40.5
December.....	28.2	30.9	31.0	31.0	29.7	32.5	34.0	34.0
Nov. Average.....	30.9	30.7	34.3	34.4	.....	.....	.....	.....

* 1949 adjusted for seasonal variation.

DEFINITIONS

BUSINESS FAILURES include those businesses that ceased operations following assignment for bankruptcy or liquidation, or those businesses that failed to pay debts owed to creditors after such actions as execution, foreclosure, or attachment voluntarily without leaving unpaid obligations; were involved in court actions such as receivership, reorganization, or arrangement; or voluntarily compromised with creditors out of court.

CURRENT LIABILITIES, as used in the failure key, have a special meaning; they include all accounts and notes payable and all obligations, whether in secured form or not, known to be held by banks, officers, affiliated companies, supplying companies, or the Government. They do not include long-term, publicly-held obligations. Offsetting assets are not taken into account.

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WHOLESALE TRADE	Number of Failures								Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars							
	1951				1952				1951				1952			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Food and Farm Products:																
Groceries & Food Specialties:																
Confectionery.....	1	4	6	2	5	5			40	53	44	12	47	167		
Groceries (full line).....	2	2	3	3	4	2			8	55	89	75	197	37		
Meats and Poultry.....	13	12	12	6	11	11			273	164	425	200	157	302		
Fish and Sea Food.....	7	2	--	4	4	4			167	93	--	59	177	76		
Other Grocery Products.....	14	18	7	12	11	9			384	546	149	1,321	2,051	272		
Farm Products:																
Dairy and Poultry Products.....	6	7	10	7	8	7			110	132	452	504	260	487		
Fruits and Vegetables.....	19	18	13	14	16	14			747	770	540	479	351	1,140		
Farm Products—Raw Materials.....	2	--	3	3	3	4			335	--	674	5,110	282	196		
Beverages—Alcoholic.....	6	4	8	3	4	5			251	157	112	24	443	125		
Total Food and Farm Products.....	70	67	62	54	66	64			2,314	1,970	2,485	7,784	3,965	3,002		
Apparel.....	8	11	12	10	12	14			195	282	471	317	274	542		
Dry Goods.....	9	3	7	2	14	8			202	50	115	20	567	155		
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware.....	22	16	9	10	15	17			796	428	805	1,108	914	1,104		
Chemicals and Drugs.....	7	10	8	7	5	7			216	204	287	193	259	582		
Motor Vehicles & Automotive Equip.....	8	7	12	4	6	6			143	96	1,758	100	126	96		
Misc. Wholesale Products:																
Coal, Coke, Petro. Prods.....	2	4	5	3	2	3			54	4,373	1,665	150	40	75		
Electrical Goods.....	6	11	7	10	10	7			115	361	596	475	456	244		
Furniture & House Furnishings.....	11	8	8	7	6	14			227	186	120	892	67	351		
Machinery Equip. & Supplies.....	32	21	16	22	11	20			576	765	252	475	426	501		
Paper and Its Products.....	8	2	10	2	8	5			110	107	226	9	175	75		
Tobacco and Its Products.....	2	3	2	1	1	1			28	152	21	10	12	29		
All Other.....	45	57	42	39	35	49			1,360	3,534	1,213	1,236	1,641	1,501		
Total Misc. Wholesale Products.....	106	112	90	84	73	99			2,495	9,198	4,093	3,247	3,017	2,782		
Total Wholesale Trade.....	230	226	200	171	191	215			6,361	12,428	10,014	12,769	9,122	8,363		
CONSTRUCTION																
General Building Contractors.....	74	90	105	77	86	80			2,270	5,572	8,229	3,708	3,392	5,070		
Building Sub-Contractors:																
Carpentering.....	8	10	10	11	2	16			89	100	152	242	28	209		
Painting and Decorating.....	20	18	13	15	11	23			409	211	276	317	210	327		
Heating and Plumbing.....	50	48	43	43	36	44			2,019	1,466	804	837	1,275	1,016		
Electrical.....	18	16	20	8	23	11			312	356	586	212	760	286		
All Other.....	58	58	47	58	41	61			1,457	1,168	999	1,216	834	2,217		
Total Building Sub-contractors.....	154	150	137	136	113	155			4,279	3,701	2,789	2,884	3,107	4,055		
Other Contractors.....	12	6	5	11	11	9			1,164	735	606	1,136	593	764		
Total Construction.....	240	246	247	224	210	245			7,913	10,008	11,624	7,928	7,092	9,449		
COMMERCIAL SERVICE																
Public Services:																
Transportation, Passenger & Freight.....	47	54	50	49	49	49			1,476	2,932	1,578	2,930	7,171	2,459		
Misc. Public Services.....	12	3	4	6	9	12			378	75	70	190	541	305		
Total Public Services.....	59	59	54	55	58	61			1,854	2,907	1,648	3,120	7,712	2,657		
Personal Services:																
Hotels.....	5	4	3	10	9	7			301	58	114	104	366	462		
Cleaning, Dying, Repairing.....	26	19	25	32	20	25			375	334	382	701	344	321		
Laundries.....	15	9	14	4	10	9			154	509	356	47	203	116		
Undertakers.....	--	5	--	--	4	3			--	100	--	--	144	82		
Other Personal Services.....	20	12	8	17	15	13			385	66	50	176	71	304		
Total Personal Services.....	69	49	50	53	58	57			1,215	1,337	902	1,028	1,130	1,205		
Business Services.....	34	18	13	20	19	25			851	254	738	366	283	843		
Repairs Services (other than auto).....	29	33	32	25	22	27			376	334	250	336	1,830	229		
Total Commercial Services.....	191	159	150	153	157	170			4,256	1,932	3,538	4,870	10,461	4,934		
Total United States.....	2,106	2,147	1,963	1,840	2,005	2,089			55,346	63,341	74,148	66,712	74,914	71,945		

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	Number of Failures								Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars							
	1951				1952				1951				1952			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Manufacturing	5	7	3	--	3	9	--	--	71	191	65	--	36	452	--	--
Foodstuffs.....	13	18	10	13	23	18	--	--	100	410	307	345	710	678	--	--
Textiles.....	0	15	9	11	13	12	--	--	384	652	275	1,013	373	681	--	--
Forest Products.....	1	5	3	2	3	2	--	--	7	156	159	28	92	141	--	--
Paper, Printing, Publishing.....	--	2	1	1	2	1	--	--	--	19	6	27	9	82	--	--
Chemicals and Drugs.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Fuels.....	3	1	--	1	2	3	--	--	61	122	--	47	36	124	--	--
Leather and Leather Products.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Stone, Clay, Glass and Products.....	2	1	1	3	--	1	--	--	40	2	4	233	--	33	--	--
Iron and Steel.....	1	1	1	4	0	4	--	--	3	115	7	500	117	60	--	--
Machinery.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	339	--	--	--	--	--
Transportation Equipment.....	3	2	3	10	11	--	--	--	107	26	44	339	358	246	--	--
All Other.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Manufacturing.....	34	53	39	48	67	57	--	--	881	1,704	1,289	2,555	1,944	2,508	--	--
Wholesale Trade	6	5	4	4	8	4	--	--	148	72	96	50	233	57	--	--
Farm Products, Foods, Groceries.....	2	1	1	2	1	2	--	--	12	25	2	21	13	240	--	--
Clothing and Furnishings.....	--	--	--	--	2	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	36	30	--
Dry Goods and Textiles.....	--	--	3	3	1	2	--	--	--	--	92	109	35	23	--	--
Lumber, Bldg. Mills, Hardware.....	1	--	--	--	2	1	--	--	78	--	--	23	3	--	--	--
Chemicals and Drugs.....	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	129	--	--	--	--	--	--
Fuels.....	1	--	1	1	--	1	--	--	57	--	3	15	--	10	--	--
Automotive Products.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Supply Houses.....	7	9	11	7	8	8	--	--	179	216	1,307	168	273	101	--	--
All Other.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Wholesale Trade.....	17	16	20	19	21	20	--	--	474	442	1,500	386	593	461	--	--
Retail Trade	27	31	21	19	28	25	--	--	301	371	195	288	249	402	--	--
Farm Supplies, General Stores.....	4	7	3	3	4	6	--	--	65	268	17	14	70	77	--	--
General Merchandise.....	3	6	5	2	11	6	--	--	47	104	175	84	109	36	--	--
Apparel.....	17	11	9	17	18	18	--	--	171	68	191	223	151	312	--	--
Furniture, Household Furnishings.....	13	8	6	12	10	13	--	--	249	144	183	169	380	286	--	--
Lumber, Bldg. Mills, Hardware.....	8	5	5	9	--	--	--	--	8	162	128	192	628	91	--	--
Automotive Products.....	12	7	10	11	17	12	--	--	193	178	190	254	517	567	--	--
Restaurants.....	15	12	10	16	11	18	--	--	100	77	101	162	87	182	--	--
Drugs.....	1	1	1	3	--	--	--	--	18	--	15	26	51	77	--	--
All Other.....	9	14	10	6	9	17	--	--	95	109	119	100	161	173	--	--
Total Retail Trade.....	106	104	81	96	120	122	--	--	1,287	1,541	1,314	1,551	2,004	2,193	--	--
Construction	15	9	13	7	18	11	--	--	273	170	437	159	540	311	--	--
General Contractors.....	2	2	3	1	6	3	--	--	31	11	84	21	4	43	--	--
Carpenters and Builders.....	12	15	9	23	23	11	--	--	97	228	647	295	305	120	--	--
Building Sub-contractors.....	1	1	--	2	1	--	--	--	55	34	--	18	20	--	--	--
Other Contractors.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Construction.....	30	27	24	35	43	28	--	--	456	443	1,168	493	869	494	--	--
Commercial Services	3	2	1	1	--	1	--	--	16	18	4	2	--	2	--	--
Cleaners, Dryers, Tailors.....	5	3	4	3	3	2	--	--	128	153	17	130	35	11	--	--
Haulage, Buses, Taxis, etc.....	3	2	2	2	--	4	--	--	187	144	73	159	--	112	--	--
Hotels.....	1	2	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	108	--	--	--	144	--	--
Laundries.....	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	13	--	--	5	--	--	--	--
Undertakers.....	3	4	3	2	7	1	--	--	24	45	255	8	70	1	--	--
All Other.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Commercial Services.....	16	13	10	9	11	9	--	--	373	458	249	304	249	128	--	--
Total Canada.....	203	213	174	207	262	236	--	--	3,451	4,598	5,710	5,289	5,659	5,782	--	--

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Provinces	Number of Failures								Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars							
	1951				1952				1951				1952			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Newfoundland.....	1	2	1	--	5	3	--	--	26	158	54	--	70	58	--	--
Prince Edward Island.....	--	--	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	40	21	--	--	--	--	--
Nova Scotia.....	3	1	2	4	5	2	--	--	25	27	330	70	185	28	--	--
New Brunswick.....	8	2	4	8	8	0	--	--	87	14	159	107	96	188	--	--
Quebec.....	157	147	102	114	155	143	--	--	2,523	2,509	3,644	2,419	3,466	3,010	--	--
Ontario.....	27	14	34	47	54	46	--	--	602	1,447	848	1,426	1,156	1,016	--	--
Manitoba.....	--	13	5	11	21	9	--	--	--	243	196	191	415	529	--	--
Saskatchewan.....	1	--	10	1	3	1	--	--	30	--	125	22	14	20	--	--
Alberta.....	1	1	8	4	3	7	--	--	40	60	80	16	123	86	--	--
British Columbia.....	5	13	5	17	8	17	--	--	54	140	232	1,008	134	227	--	--
Total Canada.....	203	213	174	207	262	236	--	--	3,451	4,598	5,710	5,289	5,659	5,782	--	--

Quarterly Record of Canadian Failures by Cities—1952 and 1951

Cities (1951 Population Ranking)	Number of Failures								Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars							
	1951				1952				1951				1952			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Montreal, Que.....	77	80	56	54	77	84	--	--	1,114	1,215	2,440	963	1,827	1,753	--	--
Toronto, Ont.....	8	10	11	20	25	18	--	--	169	719	387	199	537	757	--	--
Vancouver, B. C.....	2	5	3	10	4	7	--	--	32	71	153	848	66	93	--	--
Winnipeg, Man.....	--	10	5	6	14	8	--	--	165	138	115	357	--	--	--	--
Hamilton, Ont.....	1	1	5	3	2	3	--	--	5	13	78	259	21	51	--	--
Quebec, Que.....	18	11	7	11	12	7	--	--	320	259	147	332	335	160	--	--
Orleans, Ont.....	3	1	--	2	1	3	--	--	102	6	--	15	6	13	--	--
Calgary, Alb.....	--	--	1	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	8	1	--	5	--	--
Edmonton, Alb.....	--	1	3	2	2	2	--	--	--	60	35	13	121	31	--	--
London, Ont.....	2	3	1	4	8	1	--	--	33	48	14	69	184	14	--	--
Windsor, Ont.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Halifax, N. S.....	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	10	5	--	--	--
Regina, Sask.....	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	20	--	--
St. John's, N. B.....	1	1	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	78	2	18	--	--	--
Saskatoon, Sask.....	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	--	--	--	--	--
Victoria, B. C.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total 10 Cities.....	112	124	94	115	148	135	--	--	1,980	2,569	3,490	3,026	3,504	3,415	--	--
Balance of Country.....	91	89	80	92	114	101	--	--	1,471	2,030	2,220	2,263	2,155	2,367	--	--
Total Canada.....	203	213	174	207	262	236	--	--	3,451	4,598	5,710	5,289	5,659	5,782	--	--

TRADE ACTIVITY IN TWENTY-NINE REGIONS

RETAIL SALES HIGH

Retail sales in the first weeks of July continued to be above year-ago levels. A continued rise in the volume of durables overcame a softness which had developed in the sale of non-durables.

Hot weather which prevailed throughout the month of June stimulated the sales of items such as Summer apparel, soft drinks, air conditioning units, and electric fans.

Clearance sales helped to boost apparel volume. Price cutting was widespread in some areas of the country such as the Southwest. Special promotions were also very much in evidence.

Retail prices rose slightly in June. The slight decline in apparel prices was more than offset by a rise in the price of food.

Total consumer spending in June remained unchanged from May according to the DUN'S REVIEW Regional Trade Barometer. The preliminary barometer for June at 352.3 was 5 per cent above June 1951.

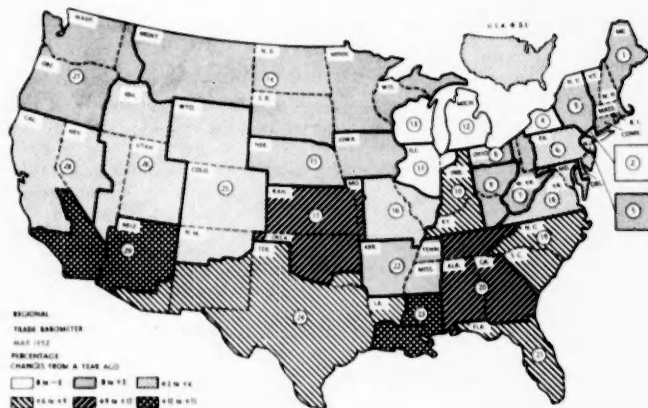
Retail sales in June, after allowance for seasonal variation, were estimated at \$13.0 billion. This was 2 per cent above a year ago and 1 percent below May 1952.

The final barometer for May 1952 was 352.9, the highest since January 1951. This was 5 per cent above May 1951 and 3 per cent above April 1952.

Only five barometers were below a year ago. The Detroit barometer (12) reflected the largest decline, 1.9 per cent. The New Orleans barometer (23) reflected the largest gain over the previous year, 12.8 per cent.

Month-to-month percentage changes ranged from Minneapolis and St. Paul region (14) up 14.7 per cent to Buffalo and Rochester region (4) down 6.7 per cent.

The Texas region (24) had the highest barometer and the New England region (1) has the lowest barometer.



REGIONAL TRADE BAROMETER COMPARISONS

Adjusted for Seasonal Variation
(1935-1939 = 100)

REGION	May 1952	Change from May 1951 %	April 1952	Change from April 1951 %	Comparison with U. S. %	Retail Sales 1948 %
United States	352.9	+ 5.1	342.4	+ 3.1	...	100.0
1. New England	261.5	+ 1.9	253.5	+ 3.1	-25.9	6.1
2. New York City	266.7	- 0.1	270.8	- 1.5	-24.5	7.7
3. Albany, Utica and Syracuse	310.2	+ 2.3	311.1	- 0.3	-12.1	2.2
4. Buffalo and Rochester	314.8	- 1.1	337.3	- 6.7	-10.8	1.7
5. Northern New Jersey	262.2	+ 1.9	247.5	+ 5.9	-25.7	2.6
6. Philadelphia	307.3	+ 3.7	303.1	+ 1.4	-12.9	5.8
7. Pittsburgh	294.4	+ 0.4	309.9*	- 5.0	-16.6	3.6
8. Cleveland	337.9	+ 0.7	333.5	+ 1.3	- 4.2	2.8
9. Cincinnati and Columbus	340.5	+ 3.0	339.1	+ 0.4	- 3.5	3.0
10. Indianapolis and Louisville	408.1	+ 8.3	385.2	+ 5.9	+15.6	2.9
11. Chicago	296.8	- 1.6	287.5	+ 3.2	-15.9	6.6
12. Detroit	369.9	- 1.9	361.4	+ 2.4	+ 4.8	4.4
13. Milwaukee	366.9	- 0.0	347.5	+ 5.6	+ 4.0	2.1
14. Minneapolis and St. Paul	345.9	+ 1.9	301.4	+14.7	- 2.0	4.2
15. Iowa and Nebraska	332.9	+ 1.0	314.8	+ 5.7	-5.7	3.0
16. St. Louis	307.1	+ 3.6	298.0*	+ 3.1	-13.0	2.6
17. Kansas City	391.7	+10.2	379.5	+ 3.2	+11.0	3.4
18. Maryland and Virginia	340.9	+ 3.6	345.6	- 1.3	- 3.4	4.0
19. North and South Carolina	423.8	+ 8.8	404.5	+ 4.8	+20.1	2.6
20. Atlanta and Birmingham	475.0	+11.5	484.0*	- 1.9	+34.6	3.9
21. Florida	441.6	+ 7.7	424.9	+ 4.4	+25.7	1.8
22. Memphis	384.2	+ 2.1	349.4*	+ 9.7	+ 8.6	1.7
23. New Orleans	436.7	+12.8	419.9	+ 4.0	+23.7	1.5
24. Texas	480.7	+ 8.3	498.5	- 1.8	+38.8	5.6
25. Denver	341.0	+ 5.6	353.4	- 3.5	- 3.4	1.4
26. Salt Lake City	343.1	+ 4.5	363.8	- 5.7	- 2.8	0.9
27. Portland and Seattle	388.3	+ 2.0	362.6	+ 7.1	+10.0	3.0
28. San Francisco	364.9	+ 4.9	327.4	+11.5	+ 3.4	4.0
29. Los Angeles	400.2	+12.0	352.9	+13.4	+13.4	4.9

* Revised

TRADE ACTIVITY — A REGIONAL SUMMARY

Region 1

MAY—Barometer 3% above April, 2% above year ago, 26% below U. S.

JUNE—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Boston +12%, Providence +10%, Lowell—Lawrence +10%, Springfield and New Haven +8%. Collections slower than a year ago except in Manchester. Shoe factories operated at full capacity to meet Fall orders before vacation shutdowns. Trading at Boston Wool Market dull.

Region 2

MAY—Barometer 2% below April, even with year ago, 25% below U. S.

JUNE—New York City department store sales 17% below last year when price war was in force. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Bridgeport -4%, New York City -10%. New York City collections slower than a year ago; Bridgeport unchanged. Excessive heat a contributing factor to low level of activity. Fall Apparel Shows successful.

Region 3

MAY—Barometer slightly below April, 2% above year ago, 12% below U. S.

JUNE—Syracuse department store sales 4% above a year ago. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Binghamton +6%, Albany +5%, Utica +3%, Syracuse -4%. Collections compared with a year ago: Utica more prompt, Syracuse and Albany unchanged, Binghamton slower. Summer lines moved rapidly. Unemployment in Utica eased by new industries.

Region 4

MAY—Barometer 7% below April, 1% below year ago, 11% below U. S.

JUNE—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Rochester +7%, Buffalo +4%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Buffalo +2%, Elmira even, Rochester -3%. Collections compared with a year ago: Rochester unchanged, Elmira slower. Buffalo steel mills inactive. Buffalo flour output 12 percent above year ago.

Region 5

MAY—Barometer 6% above April, 2% above year ago, 26% below U. S.

JUNE—Trade conditions compared with a year ago: department store sales -5%, total retail trade -6%, wholesale trade -3%. Collections more prompt than a year ago and unchanged from a month ago. Plant expansions approved by the National Production Authority for third quarter 1952 amounted to \$128 million. Employment remained steady.

The DUN'S REVIEW Regional Trade Barometers are designed to reflect changes in consumer purchases of commodities in the United States and 29 regions. A description of the barometer and back figures are available without charge.

The regional trade summaries are based upon data collected and weighed by the local DUN & BROADSTREET offices. Department store sales, reported by the Federal Reserve District Banks, are for the four weeks ended June 28, 1952.

Region 6

MAY—Barometer 2% above April, 4% above year ago, 13% below U. S.

JUNE—Philadelphia department store sales 1% above year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Harrisburg +5%, Allentown +4%, Scranton +2%, Wilmington even, Trenton and York -2%, Lancaster -3%, Philadelphia -4%. Collections compared with year ago: more prompt in York, unchanged in Philadelphia and Wilmington.

Region 7

MAY—Barometer 5% below April, slightly above 1951, 17% below U. S.

JUNE—Department store sales compared with year ago: Erie +5%, Pittsburgh +4%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Pittsburgh +4%, Huntington even, Charleston -2%, Wheeling and Youngstown -10%. Steel strike idled over 150,000 workers in Pittsburgh area. Collections slower than year ago. Wholesale trade lower than year ago.

Region 8

MAY—Barometer 1% above April and a year ago, 4% below U. S.

JUNE—Department store sales compared with year ago: Akron +15%, Cleveland and Toledo +3%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Toledo +5%, Lima +3%, Akron +2%, Cleveland +1%, Canton -16%. Collections unchanged from a year ago. Cleveland steel mills completely closed. Other industries not affected by strike.

Region 9

MAY—Barometer slightly above April, 3% above year ago, 4% below U. S.

JUNE—Department store sales compared with year ago: Cincinnati +14%, Columbus +13%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Columbus +10%, Cincinnati +5%, Dayton +3%. Wholesale trade compared with a year ago: Columbus +10%, Dayton -2%, Cincinnati -19%. Collections slower than year ago. Industrial output below year ago.

Region 10

MAY—Barometer 6% above April, 8% above year ago, 16% above U. S.

JUNE—Department store sales compared with year ago: Louisville +20%, Indianapolis +9%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Louisville +20%, Evansville +8%, Fort Wayne -5%, Terre Haute -6%, Indianapolis -7%. Collections compared with year ago: unchanged in Evansville and Louisville, slower in Indianapolis.

Region 11

MAY—Barometer 3% above April, 2% below year ago, 16% below U. S.

JUNE—Chicago department store sales 2% above year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: South Bend even, Peoria +2%, Springfield, Ill., -5%. Collections more prompt than year ago in Springfield, unchanged in Chicago, and slower in Peoria. Chicago steel mills operated at 75% of capacity. Volume of Furniture Show slower than 1951.

Region 12

MAY—Barometer 2% above April, 2% below year ago, 5% above U. S.

JUNE—Detroit department store sales 3% above year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Grand Rapids +5%, Saginaw -1%, Detroit -3%. Collections more prompt than a year ago in Detroit and slower in Grand Rapids and Saginaw. Detroit steel mills operated at 35% of capacity. Auto production 16% under year ago.

Region 13

MAY—Barometer 6% above April, unchanged from 1951, 4% above U. S.

JUNE—Trade conditions in Milwaukee compared with a year ago: department store sales +3%, total retail trade +2%, wholesale trade +2%. Construction activity lower than year ago and month ago. Auto sales even with year ago and 10% above May. Collections slower than year ago and unchanged from May. Industrial output steady.

Region 14

MAY—Barometer 14% above April, 2% above year ago, 2% below U. S.

JUNE—Department store sales compared with a year ago: St. Paul +6%, Duluth-Superior +4%, Minneapolis unchanged. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Billings +5%, St. Paul +4%, Minneapolis +2%, Sioux Falls and La Crosse -2%, Duluth -15%. Collections slower than a year ago with exception of Sioux Falls and St. Paul.

Region 15

MAY—Barometer 6% above April, 1% above year ago, 6% below U. S.

JUNE—Nebraska department store sales 2% above year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Davenport +46%, Sioux City +4%, Dubuque +2%, Cedar Rapids even, Des Moines and Waterloo -2%, Omaha -3%, Lincoln -5%. Collections unchanged from year ago in Cedar Rapids, slower in Des Moines and Omaha. Record wheat crop.

Region 16

MAY—Barometer 3% above April, 4% above year ago, 13% below U. S.

JUNE—Trade conditions in St. Louis compared with year ago: department store sales +19%, total retail trade +18%, wholesale trade +6%. Collections slower than year ago and unchanged from month ago. St. Louis steel mills operating at 35% of capacity. Livestock receipts unchanged from year ago and 10% below May. Steel strike caused drop in non-durable goods output.

Region 17

MAY—Barometer 3% above April, 10% above year ago, 11% above U. S.

JUNE—Department store sales compared with year ago: Tulsa +24%, Kansas City +13, Wichita +8%, Oklahoma City +5%, St. Joseph even. Collections compared with year ago: unchanged in Oklahoma City, St. Joseph and Wichita, slower in Kansas City and Tulsa. Oil output steady. Record wheat crop. Cotton acreage lower.

Region 18

MAY—Barometer 1% below April, 4% above year ago, 3% below U. S.

JUNE—Department store sales compared with year ago: Baltimore +9%, Washington +7%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Richmond +12%, Norfolk +10%, Baltimore +8%, Washington +3%, Lynchburg -4%, Roanoke -7%. Collections compared with year ago: more prompt in Baltimore, unchanged in Washington.

Region 19

MAY—Barometer 5% above April, 9% above year ago, 20% above U. S.

JUNE—Total retail trade compared with year ago: Winston-Salem +10%, Asheville +8%, Raleigh +7%, Greensboro +5%, Charlotte and Columbia +2%, Charleston -21%. Collections compared with year ago: more prompt in Raleigh, unchanged in Charleston, Columbia and Winston-Salem, slower in Asheville and Charlotte.

Region 20

MAY—Barometer 2% above Apr. 12% above year ago, 35% above U. S.

JUNE—Department store sales compared with year ago: Augusta +46%, Atlanta +19%, Birmingham +14%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Nashville +28%, Augusta +26%, Atlanta +19%, Montgomery +12%, Mobile +10%, Chattanooga +4%, Columbia +2%, Birmingham -3%, Knoxville -8%. Collections unchanged from 1951.

Region 21

MAY—Barometer 4% above April, 8% above year ago, 26% above U. S.

JUNE—Jacksonville department store sales 27% above year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Tampa +10%, Jacksonville +3%, Miami -3%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Jacksonville +2%, Tampa -5%, Miami -12%. Collections slower than year ago in Jacksonville and Miami, unchanged in Tampa.

Region 22

MAY—Barometer 10% above April, 2% above year ago, 9% above U. S.

JUNE—Department store sales in Memphis and Little Rock 22% above year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Little Rock +8%, Memphis +6%. Collections unchanged from year ago in Little Rock and slower in Memphis. Severe drought lowered estimates for cotton production and caused declines in other crops. Automobile sales slow.

Region 23

MAY—Barometer 4% above April, 13% above year ago, 24% above U. S.

JUNE—New Orleans department store sales 20% above year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: New Orleans +7%, Jackson +5%. Total wholesale trade compared with year ago: Jackson +5%, New Orleans -1%. Collections slower than year ago. Volume in air conditioning units and Summer apparel substantially higher.

Region 24

MAY—Barometer 2% below April, 8% above year ago, 39% above U. S.

JUNE—Department store sales compared with year ago: San Antonio +24%, Houston +21%, Dallas +16%, Fort Worth +13%, El Paso +11%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Houston +17%, El Paso +11%, Dallas +5%, Lubbock +3%, Austin +2%, Amarillo even, Waco -5%. Collections slow to steady compared with year ago.

Region 25

MAY—Barometer 4% below April, 6% above year ago, 3% below U. S.

JUNE—Denver department store sales 6% above year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Albuquerque +5%, Denver +2%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Denver +7%, Albuquerque +5%. Collections slower than year ago. Construction activity below year ago and month ago. Flash floods caused considerable damage.

Region 26

MAY—Barometer 6% below April, 5% above year ago, 3% below U. S.

JUNE—Trade conditions in Salt Lake City compared with year ago: department store sales +7%, total retail trade -3%, wholesale trade +1%. Collections slower than year ago and unchanged from month ago. Steel strike cut into industrial productions at the end of June. Heavy promotion of durables. Some prices cut. Agricultural employment lower.

Region 27

MAY—Barometer 7% above April, 2% above year ago, 10% above U. S.

JUNE—Department store sales compared with year ago: Seattle +7%, Spokane +3%, Portland +2%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Spokane +3%, Seattle -6%, Tacoma -15%. Collections slower than year ago. Flour production compared with year ago: Portland -38%, Seattle-Tacoma -16%. Lumber production 5% below year ago.

Region 28

MAY—Barometer 12% above April, 5% above year ago, 3% above U. S.

JUNE—Department store sales compared with year ago: Oakland +5%, San Francisco +1%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: San Francisco -2%, Sacramento -5%, Fresno -15%. Collections compared with year ago: unchanged in San Francisco and Sacramento, slower in Fresno. Price cutting and sales promotions heavy.

Region 29

MAY—Barometer 13% above April, 12% above year ago, 13% above U. S.

JUNE—Department store sales compared with year ago: San Diego +12%, Los Angeles +7%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Phoenix +8%, San Diego +5%, Los Angeles -2%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Phoenix +6%, San Diego +4%, Los Angeles -7%. Collections unchanged from year and month ago. Record cherry crop.